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21378 7590 09/18/2007 APPLIED MEDICAL RESOURCES CORPORATION 22872 Avenida Empresa Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688			EXAMINER GETTMAN, CHRISTINA DANIELLE	
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Interview Summary	Application No. 10/518,436	Applicant(s) YAWATA ET AL.	
	Examiner Christina D. Gettman	Art Unit 3734	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Christina D. Gettman. (3) _____.

(2) David Majdali. (4) _____.

Date of Interview: 11 September 2007.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: N/A.

Claim(s) discussed: 1, 2, 7, 15 and 28-33.

Identification of prior art discussed: Dicesare et al.

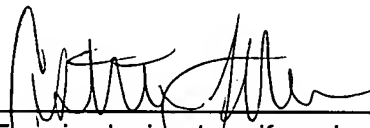
Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: With respect to the fixed mating teeth, an amendment needs to be added to define what the teeth are fixed relative to. Description of a one-way ratchet mechanism was given. A one-way ratchet mechanism in the application is defined as a ratchet pawl moving along mating teeth and then, once the pawl reaches the last tooth, is released from the teeth and brought back to the original position. Suggestion of adding a limitation that in the return stroke, the pawl moves on a smooth edge opposite the mating teeth. In order to get over the potential rejection of a one-way ratchet with respect to the leaf springs of Dicesare et al., add a limitation to the independent claims that the ratchet pawl moves back to an original position. Dicesare et al. do not show two ratchet mechanisms used, rather two rack and pinion elements (rejection would be withdrawn with respect to claims 28-33).